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**Health Care Leadership Council Applauds Efforts to Improve
Health Care and Raise Awareness**

Washington, DC, -- October 13, 2005 - The Citizens' Health Care Working Group is pleased to include the Health Care Leadership Council among the national organizations who are in support of informing and engaging all Americans in a dialogue about health care. The Health Care Leadership Council is a coalition of chief executives of the nation's leading health care companies and institutions.

The Citizens' Health Care Working Group, a nonpartisan group, authorized by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, charged with developing recommendations for the President and Congress to provide U.S. citizens with "health care that works for all Americans." The *Health Report to the American People* serves as a base to engage the American people in a dialogue on health care access, cost and quality issues. The Working Group consists of 14 citizens of diverse backgrounds from across the country, in addition to Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael O. Leavitt. To view *The Health Report to the American People* or get more information on the Citizens' Health Care Working Group, visit www.citizenshealthcare.gov.

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